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SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 12, 1973 EA PRESS SUMMARY

INDOCHINA

1. FIELD REPORTS SAY FANK RELIEF COLUMN PUSHED AGAINST INCREASING RESISTANCE TO WITHIN 600 YARDS OF FANK GARRISON OF 2 BATTALIONS ENCIRCLED AT RR STATION 14 MILES NW OF PP. SURROUNDED SOLDIERS REPORTEDLY LOW ON FOOD AND AMMO (AP, WP, UPI, PHINQ). FANK REPORTS 7 KILLED AND ABOUT 20 WOUNDED IN KI SHELLING OF MARKET IN KOMPONG CHHNANG (AP, WP). FANK TELLS OF KI REINFORCEMENTS AT SALA LEK PRAM, 27 MILES NORTH OF PP, WHERE ROUTE 5 TO BATTAMBANG CUT. PP POLICE REPORT THAT MAN IN MILITARY UNIFORM THREW GRENADE ON BUSY STREET SATURDAY NIGHT, KILLED 1 SOLDIER AND WOUNDED 7, INCLUDING 4 MILITARY (UPI, PHINQ).

2. VC SPOKESMAN AT SAIGON CHARGES DOZENS KILLED OR WOUNDED IN ARVN "EXTERMINATION BOMBING" OF LO GO, 70 MILES NW OF SAIGON IN TAY NINH PROVINCE; SAYS 100 BOMBS DROPPED AND HOSPITAL WAS AMONG BUILDINGS -DEVASTATED". GVN SPOKESMAN HAS NO INFORMATION ON REPORTED BOMBING. UPI QUOTES NEUTRAL SOURCE THAT RAID DID TAKE PLACE (AP NYT, NYDN, WP; UPI, PHINQ).

3. GVN CLAIMS COMMUNISTS SHELLLED NAVY BASE ON GULF OF SIAM DAMAGING 3 RIVER PATROL BOATS (AP, NYT; UPI, PHINQ). ARVN KILLS 6 NVA IN CLASH 4 MILES FROM BU PRANG (AP WP, NYDN). HEAVY RAINS AND LOW CLOUDS SLOW ARVN EFFORTS TO STRIKE COMMUNISTS IN QUANG DUC (AP, NYT).

4. MCCOMBS (WP) WRITES FROM CAPITAL OF QUANG DUC PROVINCE, A ONE-STREET VILLAGE OF 2000 NOT UNLIKE TOWNS IN "B" WESTERNS, IN A REGION OF JUNGLE AND MOUNTAINS. CASUAL, RANDOM VIOLENCE IS WAY OF LIFE, WITH OCCASIONAL GUNFIGHTS BETWEEN ARVN SOLDIERS STATIONED THERE. UNCLASSIFIED

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GIA NGIA IS CUT OFF EXCEPT BY AIR AND, THOUGH NVA GUNNERS MAKE FLIGHTS RISKY, FOOD BECOMING SCARCER AND MOST OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE. OUTGOING PLANES BOOKED WELL IN ADVANCE THOUGH BRIBES FACILITATE QUICK DEPARTURE. SHOPKEEPERS COMPLAIN OF ARVN EXTORTION OF MONEY AND GOODS, SAY THEY ARE WORSE THAN THE VC WHO BRIEFLY OCCUPIED PART OF THE TOWN A FEW YEARS AGO. BUT , SAYS MCCOMBS, GVN TRYING TO PROTECT TOWN FROM VC AND PERHAPS IS DOING GOOD JOB AFTER ALL.

CHINA

5. EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE IS GIVEN SEC. KISSINGER'S 3-AND-A-HALF HOUR MEETING WITH CHOU SUNDAY AND THEIR LATER ATTENDANCE AT BALLET (AT WHICH, ACCORDING RADIO REPORTS, THE INDEFATIGABLE TRAVELLER FELL ASLEEP),

WITH SPECULATION THAT THEIR DISCUSSIONS MAY LEAD TO CHOU'S VISITING US OR SOME OTHER CLEAR SIGN OF CLOSER SINO-US TIES (AP NYDN, PHINQ, NYT; SUN; CHITRIB'S STARR). SECRETARY'S SATURDAY NIGHT TOAST REFERENCE TO SPEEDING "PROGRESS TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS" INSPIRES SPECULATION THAT SOME SPECIFIC FORMALIZATION OF US-CHINESE RELATIONS IS IN OFFING (AP, NYDN). SUN'S PEKING CORRESPONDENT AGREES THAT THERE ARE SIGNS CHOU-KISSINGER TALKS INVOLVED MORE THAN ROUTINE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. AP OBSERVES THAT ALTHOUGH OFFICIALS TRAVELING WITH SECRETARY SAID ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT HIGHLY UNLIKELY BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR JAPAN TUESDAY, THESE SAME OFFICIALS "ADVISED AGAINST EXPECTING SPECTACULAR DEVELOPMENTS" DURING SECRETARY'S PEACE-MAKING ME SWING LAST WEEK -- YET OUT OF THAT CAME C-F AGREEMENT AND EXCHANGE OF ENVOYS BETWEEN US AND EGYPT (PHINQ).

6. SUN'S PEKING CORRESPONDENT REPORTS WESTERN OBSERVERS THERE BELIEVE CHOU IS INTENT ON LEARNING ALL HE CAN FROM KISSINGER OF EVENTS LEADING UP TO ME C-F AGREEMENT, PARTICULARLY SOVIET ROLE AND SIGNIFICANCE OF SUPERPOWERS' CO-OPERATION IN BRINGING IT ABOUT. STARR NOTES THAT IN WHAT PROTOCOL WATCHERS TOOK AS "CORRECT BUT MINIMUM COMPLIMENT," SECRETARY WAS ACCOMPANIED AT BALLET UNCLASSIFIED

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BY CHI PENG-FEI. SAYS SOME DIPLOMATS IN PEKING SAY ATTENDANCE BY CHI RATHER THAN HIGHER-RANKING OFFICIAL MAY BE INDICATION THAT NO MAJOR DEVELOPMENT IS UNDER CURRENT CONSIDERATION. CHITRIB CARRIES UPI PHOTO OF SECRETARY, CHOU AND BRUCE SEATED TOGETHER. NOTES CHOU EARLIER DUBBED SECRETARY "MIDDLE EAST CYCLONE" AND THAT AFTER TALK WITH CHOU, KISSINGER ATTENDED BALLET IN HIS HONOR. "AND HE DOZED OFF."

7. TO TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S BURNS, IN PEKING, IT "SEEMED CLEAR THAT NEITHER SIDE EXPECTS TO ACHIEVE THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF THEIR DETENTE -- THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS -- ON THIS TRIP." NOTES "SOBER VIEW" OF SITUATION TAKEN BY CHI IN WELCOMING BANQUET SPEECH, AND SUGGESTS THAT IF THERE IS "NOTHING PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGING IN THIS, AT LEAST THERE IS NOTHING TO INDICATE, AS SOME OBSERVERS HAVE SUGGESTED, THAT PEKING IS REVIEWING ITS WHOLE APPROACH TO WASHINGTON." BURNS SAYS US OFFICIALS' CAUTION THAT NEWSMEN NOT READ TOO MUCH IN SECRETARY'S WORDS SATURDAY ABOUT "NORMALIZATION," SEEMED SENSIBLE IN VIEW OF PRC INSISTENCE IN SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE THAT GRC-US TIES ARE BAR TO PRC-US DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. SAYS DESPITE US CONCERN THAT SECRETARY'S ROLE IN ME C-F MIGHT HAVE PROVED IMPEDIMENT TO IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH PEKING, "THERE WAS LITTLE DOUBT" THAT KISSINGER'S ME SUCCESS IN MISSION WHICH SEEMED SO UNPROMISING WHEN HE LEFT

US WOULD HAVE EFFECT OF REAFFIRMING CHOU'S HIGH REGARD FOR HIM (WP).

8. UPI (PEKING) REPORTS CHINESE STILL ARE BUILDING HUGE AIR-RAID SHELTERS CAPABLE OF HOUSING MANY AS 2,500 PEOPLE AND REPORTERS TRAVELING WITH SECRETARY WERE INVITED SUNDAY TO VISIT BOMB SHELTER. DURING PRESIDENT'S CHINA VISIT 21 MONTHS AGO, SHELTERS WERE OFF-LIMITS TO MEDIA; THIS TIME, CHINESE SEEMED PROUD TO SHOW THEIR PREPARATIONS AGAINST ATTACK BY FOE THEY IDENTIFIED AS SOVIET (NYDN). JUDGING FROM ONE "PRESUMABLY BETTER-THAN- AVERAGE" CHINESE SHELTER VISITED BY US NEWSMEN, SUN'S KEAT CONCLUDES THAT THEY "HAVE ONLY MARGINAL VALUE AS PROTECTION AGAINST NUCLEAR ATTACK." SAYS PHOTOGRAPHING SHELTERS STILL UNCLASSIFIED

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FORBIDDEN AND E. EUROPEANS STILL NOT ALLOWED TO SEE AND EVALUATE THEM. SHELTERS ARE MORE THAN PROPAGANDA OR PSYCHOLOGY, BUT ARE EFFORT TO SEE THAT ENOUGH CHINESE WOULD SURVIVE NUCLEAR ATTACK TO DEFEND AND REBUILD COUNTRY AFTERWARD. STARR REPORTS CHINESE SHELTERS SHOW LITTLE READINESS FOR IMMEDIATE USE, BUT ENTIRE SYSTEM IS WIRED FOR ELECTRICITY AND COMMUNICATIONS AND EQUIPPED WITH AIR PURIFICATION DEVICES, DINING ROOM, LAVATORIES, WATER WELLS AND STORAGE ROOMS.

9. NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR US-CHINA TRADE PRES. PHILLIPS OBSERVES "HISTORIC OCCASION" OF CHINA VISIT BY MEMBERS OF NCUSCT DELEGATION ON FIRST MISSION OF US BUSINESSMEN REPRESENTING INTERESTS OF US BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO BE INVITED TO CHINA IN 24 YEARS (JOC).

10. WHO DIRECTOR-GENERAL MET WITH PRC HEALTH MINISTER LIU IN PEKING SATURDAY, NCNA REPORTS (AP, NYDN).

11. CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY IN TAIWAN WILL BOOST ROC SHIPBUILDING CAPACITY MORE THAN SEVENFOLD IN NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. ONE OF WORLD'S LARGEST SHIPYARDS, CAPABLE OF HOLDING ONE-MILLION- TON TANKER, WILL BE STARTED SOON IN KAOHSIUNG (WSJ).

JAPAN

12. JOC REPORTS CONCLUSION OF STUDY BY OSTON CONSULTING GROUP, PUBLISHED BY JAPANESE CONSUL GENERAL, NY. STUDY SEES US-JAPAN TRADE DIFFICULTIES AS NEITHER BILATERAL, AS CURRENT POLITICAL RHETORIC WOULD SUGGEST, NOR SHORTRUN IN NATURE. PRESCRIBES MORE EFFECTIVE US-JAPAN COOPERATION IN ADJUSTMENT OF RESPECTIVE NATIONAL POLICIES.

13. AP REPORTS ESTIMATED 2.5 MILLION PERSONS TURNED

OUT FOR NOV. 11 UNION-SPONSORED ORDERLY DEMONSTRATION
IN VARIOUS JAPANESE CITIES PROTESTING INFLATION
(SUN, NYDN, CHITRIB). MEANWHILE, KYODO POLL INDICATES
52.2 PERCENT OF ELECTORATE OPPOSE LDP GOVT. (WP).
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14. JOC REPORTS JAPAN WILL BECOME MEMBER OF "CARNET"
SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ENABLING
BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE TO TAKE COMMERCIAL
SAMPLES OR PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT INTO FOREIGN COUNTRIES
WITH MINIMAL RED TAPE.

15. JOC ARTICLE BY HITOSHI TANAKA, SENIOR VP OF
YAMAICHI INTERNATIONAL (AMERICA), REPORTS THAT BY END

OF YEAR, FIRST GROUP OF FOREIGN CORPORATIONS WILL BE
LISTED IN TOKYO STOCK EXCHANGE. THESE WILL BE CITICORP,
DOW, GTE, IU INTERNATIONAL AND PARIBAS. ARTICLE
EXPLAINS HOW FOREIGN CORP CAN QUALIFY FOR LISTING.

16. JOC REPORT FROM AMSTERDAM SEES INCREASING
JAPANESE ACTIVITY IN EUROPE PLUS PROSPECTS OF EUROPEAN
INVESTMENT IN JAPAN AS PROMPTING JAPANESE FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS TO SET UP SHOP IN AMSTERDAM.

17. TOKYO CHAPTER OF JAPAN COUNCIL OF PORT AND
HARBOR WORKERS UNION IS EXPECTED TO LAUNCH SIX-DAY
STRIKE AT TOKYO'S OIL CONTAINER TERMINAL; NO WALKOUT
AT OTHER PIERS AND TERMINALS, BUT WORKERS THERE MIGHT
TAKE TOKEN ACTIONS (JOC, CULLISON).

KOREA

18. ACCORDING SUN, KISSINGER AIDES IN PEKING SAY
ANOTHER STOPOVER POSSIBLE AFTER HE LEAVES TOKYO;
MOST LIKELY PROSPECT APPEARS TO BE SEOUL.

19. US-KOREA ECONOMIC COUNCIL ESTABLISHED TO FOSTER
MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE
TWO COUNTRIES. COUNCIL ALSO WILL SERVE AS INFORMATION
AND CONFERENCE CENTER ON KOREAN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (JOC).

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20. GOP ANNOUNCES CREATION OF OFFICIAL AGENCY,
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL OIL CO., TO HANDLE ALL OIL AND
OTHER PETROLEUM COMPANIES, AND ATTEMPT TIDE NATION
OVER WORLDWIDE OIL CRISIS (WP).

21. CHITRIB, PHINQ CARRY UPI PHOTOS OF NY COMING-OUT PARTY FOR MARIA MARCOS BY THE HENRY FORDS.

THAILAND

22. BANGKOK POST REPORTS SHAN REBELS, WHO HAVE BEEN HOLDING TWO SOVIET DOCTORS FOR SEVEN MONTHS, THREATENING TO EXECUTE THEM UNLESS DEMANDS FOR 500,000 DOLLARS RANSOM AND RELEASE OF JAILED LEADER ARE MET "FORTH-WITH" (WP).

AUSTRALIA

23. REPORT FROM DALLAS (WSJ) CITES DELHI INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANY AS SAYING THAT SOUTH AUSTRALIA WILL ALLOW A CONSORTIUM TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE CAUSTIC CHLORINE, PETROCHEMICAL AND REFINERY COMPLEX AT REDCLIFFS ON SPENCER GULF. CONSORTIUM INCLUDES ICI, ALCOA, MITSUBISHI, AND VARIOUS AUSSIE COMPANIES. SA STATE GOVT. INDICATED SPECIAL COMMITTEE WOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO OPERATE AS BASIC COORDINATING BODY WITH WHOM CONSORTIUM AND PRODUCER COMPANIES WILL WORK.

24. JOC REPORT FROM LONDON HAS AUSTRALIAN WHEAT BOARD CONFIRMING SALE OF MILLION METRIC TONS OF WHEAT TO EGYPT; SHIPMENT SCHEDULED FOR NEXT YEAR. SALE IS PART OF THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT, PRICE AND TERMS TO BE WORKED OUT EACH YEAR.

ADD CHINA

25. IN PEKING, GLOBE'S JHABVALA TAKES A PAGE ONE UNCLASSIFIED

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BREAK WITH OTHER TIRED JOURNALISTS HOPING TO REST UP FROM KISSINGER CHASE. THEY ARE AKEN ON FIVE MILE CAVALCADE TO COMMUNE WHOSE INHABITANTS ARE ALL WELLFED, CARED FOR AND (EXCEPT FOR THE HAPPY AGED) HARD-WORKING. MEANWHILE BARRY SCHWEID, ALSO ON GLOBE'S P.1, STICKS WITH BUSINESS COVERING SECOND KISSINGER-CHOU MEETING (WITH BANTER ABOUT SMOKING AND DRINKING) AMID SPECULATION THEIR DISCUSSIONS MAY LEAD TO LATTER'S VI IT TO US OR SOME OTHER CLEAR SIGN OF CLOSER US-CHINA TIES. GLOBE ALSO QUOTES UPI TO EFFECT THAT PRESIDENT HAS SENT NEW INSTRUCTIONS TO HAK, NEW AGREEMENTS MAY BE REACHED, EXCHANGES INCREASED, AND RUMORS THAT SECRETARY WOULD SEE MAO (NOV 12).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

26. CSM'S SAIKOWSKI CONJECTURES THAT INDOCHINA AND NORMALIZATION OF SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS ARE AMONG

SUBJECTS SECRETARY WILL DISCUSS IN PEKING. SEES HIM RELATING STABILIZATION IN INDOCHINA TO CONTINUING THE TREND TOWARD NORMALIZATION. BASED ON WASHINGTON'S HOPE THAT PRC AND USSR WILL SEE IT IN THEIR INTERESTS NOT TO COMPLICATE MATTERS IN INDOCHINA, "IT IS THOUGHT" SECRETARY MAY TELL PRC LEADERS THERE IS STILL DANGER OF US RESPONSE TO ANY MILITARY ACTIVITY ON HANOI'S PART. WHERE CAMBODIA IS CONCERNED, SENIOR US OFFICIALS SAY THEY DETECT A GENERAL LASSITUDE ON PART OF COMBATANTS AND THAT THE SITUATION MAY BE RIPENING TO POINT WHERE THE KHMER WILL GET TOGETHER AND WORK OUT A POLITICAL SOLUTION IF NVN LEAVES THEM ALONE. SOURCES SAY THE INSURGENTS KNOW IT IS BEYOND THEIR CAPACITY TO SUPPLY AND ADMINISTER THE BIG CITIES, AND LON NOL REGIME HAS SHOWN THAT, WITH LARGE INFUSIONS OF US MILITARY AND ECON AID, IT WILL NOT COLLAPSE. WHILE IT HAS GENERALLY BEEN THOUGHT THAT UNTIL TAIWAN ISSUE IS RESOLVED PRC-US RELATIONS WILL REMAIN ABOUT AS THEY ARE, HAK SAID UPON ARRIVAL IN PEKING THAT HE CAME TO "SPEED PROGRESS TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS." US OFFICIALS POINT OUT THAT PEKING'S ACTIONS HAVE SURPRISED THE ADMIN IN THE PAST AND DO NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY THAT NORMALIZATION COULD COME MORE QUICKLY

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THAN ANYONE NOW ANTICIPATES.

27. FROM CANTON, NYT'S IAN STEWART DESCRIBES KWANGTUNG APPLICATION OF MAO'S "DIG-TUNNELS-DEEP-AND-STORE-GRAIN" EVERYWHERE" INJUNCTION. PROVINCIAL PARTY OFFICIAL ASSERTED THAT CANTON HAS UNDERGROUND TUNNEL COMPLEX SIMILAR TO ONE IN PEKING. NOTES THAT INJUNCTION IS LINKED TO ANOTHER ONE CALLING ON CHINA TO "BE PREPARED AGAINST WAR, BE PREPARED AGAINST NATURAL DISASTERS," WITH USSR WIDELY PORTRAYED AS POTENTIAL AGGRESSOR. AT ONE COMMUNE, OBSERVES TWO MONTH'S RESERVES STORED AND SIX-MONTH SUPPLY PLANNED. CITES US BUSINESSMEN AS NOTING A MORE RELAXED ATMOSPHERE AT CURRENT CANTON FAIR THAN LAST YEAR. AMERICANS OBSERVED ABSENCE OF POLITICAL SLOGANS IN TUNG FANG HOTEL, WHERE STRIDENT MAOIST DECLARATIONS HAVE BEEN REPLACED WITH INNOCUOUS POEMS AND TRADITIONAL PAINTINGS. HOTEL STAFF SAID TO BE MORE FRIENDLY AND MANAGEMENT HAS INTRODUCED NEW ENGLISH-SPEAKING SUPERVISORS WHOSE MAIN DUTY APPEARS TO BE TO ENGAGE GUESTS IN CORDIAL CONVERSATION. OFFICIALS EVEN MAKE JOKES AT THE EXPENSE OF EACH OTHER IN THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGNERS.

28. NYT'S TRUMBULL IN SYDNEY REPORTS WHITLAM'S TURNOVER "WITH REGRET" HIS FM PORTFOLIO TO SEN.

WILLESEE UPON HIS RETURN FROM CHINA AND JAPAN. WITHOUT INDICATING WHETHER TONGUE IN CHEEK, TRUMBULL NOTED WHILLAM TOLD NATIONAL PRESS CLUB THAT AS FM HE HAD BEEN "GREATEST WE'VE HAD". WHITLAM ALSO HIRED MICK YOUNG - ENERGETIC AND WIDELY-LIKED MANAGER OF ALP'S 1972 ELECTION CAMPAIGN - AS TROUBLE-SHOOTER ON HIS PERSONAL STAFF. MOVES DESIGNED TO ALLOW WHITLAM TO TACKLE SOARING INFLATION AND CRIPPLING

INDUSTRIAL UNRULINESS WHICH ARE UNDERMINING ALP GOVERNMENT'S POPULAR SUPPORT. WHITLAM CRITICS ASSERT THAT UNCERTAINTIES IN ALP ECON POLICY HAVE FRIGHTENED AWAY POTENTIAL FOREIGN INVESTORS, BESIDES UNCLASSIFIED

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UPSETTING THE AUSSIE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. AT RECENT FORUM AT THE U OF NEW SOUTH WALES, THE HEAD OF A MAJOR AUTO COMPANY REFERRED TO WHITLAM'S ECONOMICS MINISTERS AS "UNINITIATED, INEXPERIENCED TWITS." ALP SPOKESMEN, LIKE IMMIGRATION MINISTER GRASSBY, HAVE REPLIED WITH CHARGES THAT UNNAMED FOREIGN COMMERCIAL INTERESTS ARE HEAVILY SUBSIDIZING LIBERAL PARTY. MEANWHILE, WHITLAM HAS TROUBLES WITH HIS PARTY'S STRONGEST TRADITIONAL BACKER, THE ACTU, OVER TAXES AND WAGE CONTROL. WHITLAM HAS SCHEDULED DEC. 8 REFERENDUM ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS THAT WOULD ENABLE ALP GOVERNMENT TO CONTROL PRICES AND INCOME. ACTU IS FOR PRICE CONTROLS, UNIONISTS OPPOSE WAGE CONTROLS.

29. CSM'S SOUTHERLAND IN MANILA DESCRIBES ADB'S DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING FUNDS FOR SOFT LOANS. ADB HAS DONE WELL IN CONTRIBUTING TO ASIAN ECON DEVELOPMENT BUT MAY BECOME ONE OF THE CASUALTIES OF GROWING US DISILLUSIONMENT WITH FOREIGN AID. NAMES REP. PASSMAN AS ADB'S STRONGEST OPPONENT, ALTHOUGH SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE SHOWN INCREASING INTEREST IN MULTILATERAL AID PROGRAMS SUCH AS THOSE OF ADB. RECALLS THAT THE ADMIN WENT TO CONGRESS IN 1969 AND AGAIN IN 1971 WITH A 100 MILLION DOLLAR REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATIONS TO THE ADB FOR SOFT LOANS. THE SENATE APPROVED THE FULL AMOUNT BUT THE REQUEST GOT NOWHERE IN THE HOUSE. THE REQUEST NOW HAS TO GO THROUGH THE ENTIRE CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS ALL OVER AGAIN. MEANWHILE, OTHER WEALTHY COUNTRIES ARE HOLDING OFF TO SEE WHAT THE US DOES. ADB OFFICIALS SAY THAT IF THE US CAME THROUGH WITH 150 MILLION DOLLARS, THIS WOULD TRIGGER CONTRIBUTIONS TOTALING 375 MILLION DOLLARS FROM SUCH DONORS AS JAPAN, UK, AND AUSTRALIA. WHAT SOME ASIANS HAVE TROUBLE UNDERSTANDING IS HOW THE US COULD SPEND BILLIONS ON VN WAR AND THEN RUN INTO TROUBLE

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